Bird Conventions and the Convention on Nature Protection and Wildlife Preservation in the Western Hemisphere;

(12) the North American Waterfowl Management Plan, signed in 1986 by the Minister of Environment for Canada and the Secretary of the Interior for the United States, provides a framework for maintaining and restoring an adequate habitat base to ensure perpetuation of populations of North American waterfowl and other migratory bird species;

(13) a tripartite agreement signed in March 1988, by the Director General for Ecological Conservation of Natural Resources of Mexico, the Director of the Canadian Wildlife Service, and the Director of the United States Fish and Wildlife Service, provides for expanded cooperative efforts in Mexico to conserve wetlands for migratory birds that spend the winter there;

(14) the long-term conservation of migratory birds and habitat for these species will require the coordinated action of governments, private organizations, landowners, and other citizens; and

(15) the treaty obligations of the United States under the Convention on Wetlands of International Importance especially as waterfowl habitat requires promotion of conservation and wise use of wetlands.

(b) PURPOSE.—The purposes of this Act are to encourage partnership among public agencies and other interests—

(16) to protect, enhance, restore, and manage an appropriate distribution and diversity of wetland ecosystems and other habitats for migratory birds and other fish and wildlife in North America;

(17) to maintain current or improved distributions of migratory bird populations; and

(18) to sustain an abundance of waterfowl and other migratory birds consistent with the goals of the North American Waterfowl Management Plan and the international obligations contained in the migratory bird treaties and conventions and other agreements with Canada, Mexico, and other countries.

SEC. **3. DEFINITIONS.** 16 USC 4402.

For the purposes of this Act:

(19) The term "Agreement" means the Tripartite Agreement signed in March 1988, by the Director General for Ecological Conservation of Natural Resources of Mexico, the Director of the Canadian Wildlife Service, and the Director of the United States Fish and Wildlife Service.

(20) The term "appropriate Committees" means the Committee on Environment and Public Works of the United States Senate and the Committee on Merchant Marine and Fisheries of the United States House of Representatives.

(21) The term "flyway" means the four administrative units used by the United States Fish and Wildlife Service and the States in the management of waterfowl populations.

(4) The term "Migratory Bird Conservation Commission" means that commission established by section 2 of the Migratory Bird Conservation Act (16 U.S.C. 715a).

(5) The term "migratory birds" means all wild birds native to North America that are in an unconfined state and that are protected under the Migratory Bird Treaty Act, including